(c) whether the Central Government propose to organise such Health Fairs in other States, specially in the Tribal and backward areas of Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected from Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

(c) to (e). Reputed NGOs are supported by the Government to organise Health Melas in remote areas.

[English]

Non-availability of Items in CSD(I) Canteens

1311. SHRI I.D. SWAMI :
SHRI JAI PRAKASH (Hardoi) :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 3734 dated September 2, 1996 regarding non-availability of items in CSD(I) Canteens and state :

(a) whether the CSD has achieved any success in persuading Parle Company to start the supply of their biscuits to the canteens, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) how much increase the Parle company has asked for in the price and the reasons as to why the same cannot be given to them;

(c) whether any other company has also asked for increase in the prices of their products, if so, the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the application of Eveready Industries Limited has been examined by CSD and if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken to introduce Eveready brand torches and batteries without delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) No, Sir. M/s. Parle Products Ltd. failed to respond to several requests and appeals of the CSD for resumption of supplies of their products to CSD.

(b) The details of price revision sought by M/s. Parle Products in January, 1996 and approved by CSD in May, 1996 but not accepted by M/s. Parle Products are given in the following table. The reduction in price given by CSD was based on the market survey report, reduction in excise duty and the whole sale price parity.

Biscuit items	Case pack (Pkts)	Price in Jan.96	Revision sought in Jan.96	Approved by CSD in May 1996
1	2	3	4	5
1. Parle-G 100 gms	144	397.02	393.04	350.44
2. Krackjack 75 gms	96	354.36	383.80	342.10
3. Supermilk 100 gms	96	345.26	351.24	316.56

(c) Yes, Sir. Other Biscuit Companies had also asked for price increase and were granted as per the established procedure of the CSD.

(d) and (e). M/s. Eveready Industries Ltd. submitted an application for introduction of their items in mid-July 1996. The Preliminary Screening Committee of Board of Administration of CSD recommended some of the items of the firm for introduction in CSD. The requisite market survey reports have now been obtained and after due analysis, further action will be taken as per procedure.

[Translation]

Grant to Universities

1312. DR. RAM LAKHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the grants provided by the University Grants Commission to the various Universities in Madhya Pradesh during each of the years 1995-96 and 1996-97, University-wise;

(b) whether the grants provided are inadequate in comparison with the increasing number of students in these Universities and the colleges affiliated to them;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to provide more grants to these universities of Madhya Pradesh for development of sports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) University Grants Commission (UGC) provides development grants to all eligible universities, as per the prescribed norms, and subject to availability of resources, for recruitment of teaching and supporting staff, purchase of equipment, books and journals, faculty improvement and construction of women's hostels, staff quarters, health centres, campus development, etc. In addition, Non-Plan grants are also provided for certain specific purposes, which include grants for payment of scholarships and fellowship in Engineering and Technology, teacher fellowship, Junior Research Fellowship, Research Associateship, etc. Development grants are allocated for the Plan period as a whole and not on a year-to-year basis. Such grants are, however, released on a yearly basis depending upon the progress of implementation of various schemes/programmes/